

## ARTIFACT SPEECH

### **Instructions:**

Time limit: 3 – 4 minutes in length.

Outline required.

You are to bring to class one object that in some way represents some aspect of who you are. This object should be something that has symbolic meaning to you. It may have been passed down to you or it may be something that you have recently acquired to represent the “new you”. It is up to you to convey its personal value. You are to use this object as the topic of a short speech which you will present to the class. The goal of the speech is to use the object as a means to describe a part of who you are. Focus on the central reasons why this particular object represents you.

For example:

A person who is very into time management and planning might choose to bring in their day planner as the object to talk about.

A person who is very much a risk-taker might bring in their rock-climbing gear.

A person who considers themselves to be a “free-spirit” might bring in a kite.

A person who is very family-oriented might bring in a family photo or heirloom.

### **Structure:**

You should have an introduction which explains the reason why you chose this object to represent you..

The body of the speech should be separated into distinct main points that could include, but are not limited to, a detailed description of the object and what it means to you and the various ways that the object represents you (such as in terms of your personality, goals, past and/or future).

Use descriptive examples, stories, quotes, metaphors, etc. to explain the connection between the object and yourself.

Include a conclusion in which you summarize your main points and have a clear and confident ending line.

**Grading:**

Your grade will be determined by:

1. How well you organize your content
2. your ability to maintain the link between yourself and the object
3. Specific and creative use of vocabulary
4. how well you deliver your speech using:
  - a. good eye contact
  - b. Clear, confident and energetic tone of voice
  - c. Well rehearsed delivery
  - d. Gestures and movement around the room